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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AND ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCE INDICTMENTS FOR INSURANCE FRAUD

June 4, 2007- Concord, New Hampshire - Attorney General Kelly A. Ayotte and Insurance Commissioner Roger A. Seigny announced today the indictments of Scott Baldwin and Joseph C. Arcidiacono for Insurance Fraud, under RSA 638:20. Both defendants are charged with providing false documentation in support of their insurance claims. Attorney General Kelly A. Ayotte said: "Insurance fraud increases the cost of insurance for New Hampshire consumers. My Office will continue to actively investigate and vigorously prosecute insurance fraud cases."

Baldwin (dob: 5/2/60), of Hampton, NH, was indicted on one count of Insurance Fraud, a Class A Felony, on May 18, 2007 by the Strafford County Grand Jury. The indictment alleges that Baldwin made a claim to Wausau Insurance Companies alleging that he had injured his tooth. In support of this claim, according to the indictment, Baldwin submitted a patient treatment plan, purportedly from his dentist. The indictment states that the patient treatment plan identified the treatment to this tooth as costing \$1,927. The indictment alleges that this documentation was false, incomplete or misleading because the patient treatment plan had been generated by the dental office on a different date, following a different purported injury to that tooth. Baldwin submitted this document in an attempt to defraud or deceive Wausau Insurance Companies, according to the indictment. An arraignment date has been scheduled for June 4, 2007 at the Strafford Superior Court.

Arcidiacono (dob: 3/3/78), of Seabrook, NH, was indicted on two counts of Insurance Fraud, both Class A Felonies, on May 21, 2007 by the Cheshire County Grand Jury. The indictments allege that Arcidiacono made a claim to Peerless Insurance Company. According to the indictments, Arcidiacono alleged that he had lost wages, valued between \$2,880-\$3,000, and had lost a hockey tryout opportunity, valued at \$30,000, as a result of an automobile accident. In support of this claim, the indictments allege, Arcidiacono submitted an employment verification form, purportedly from his employer, and a letter, purportedly from a hockey organization. However, the employment verification form had not been filled out by the employer and the letter had not been prepared by the hockey organization, according to the indictments. The indictments state that Arcidiacono submitted these documents in an attempt to defraud or deceive Peerless Insurance Company. A preliminary pretrial conference has been scheduled for July 25, 2007 at the Cheshire Superior Court.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of 15 years incarceration and a \$4,000 fine, per count.

These indictments are the result of joint investigations conducted by the Attorney General's Office and the Insurance Department Fraud Investigation Unit. Pursuant to RSA 417:23, the Fraud Unit was formed to investigate Insurance Fraud or other insurance-related criminal activity.

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